



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08203.0005-03

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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John BUTLER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3733  
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Serial No.: 10/635,017 ) Examiner: A. Ramana  
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Filed: August 6, 2003 )  
 ) Confirmation No.: 7577  
For: WOUND RETRACTOR )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

In reply to the Election of Species requirement dated June 23, 2006, the period for response to which has been extended to August 23, 2006, by the one-month Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the application as provided below:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendments section of this paper.